

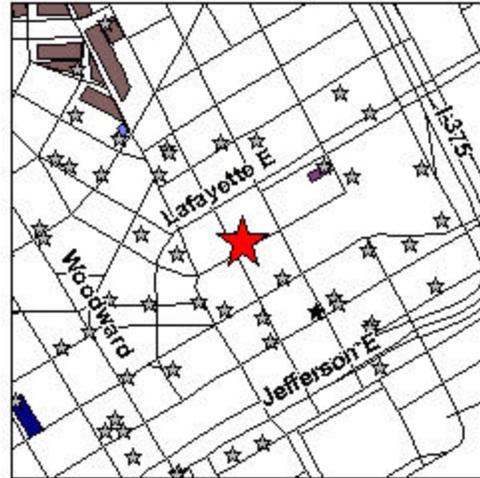
Globe Tobacco Building

407 East Fort Street

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Globe Tobacco Building pre-rehab.



Historic overview:

The history of Detroit's tobacco industry dates back to 1841 when George Miller produced chewing tobacco from Canadian tobacco in the cellar and attic of his house. The industry increased in 1856 when Daniel Scotten established the Hiawatha Tobacco Factory. By 1864 there were 7 manufactories in the city and became the leading industry in the city by 1891. The factories became the largest employers of women and provided the highest paying jobs, \$25-\$40 a week in 1925.

The Globe was one of the top 5 manufacturers. McGraw; president, Hiram Walker, William A. Moore and O. P. Hazard established the Globe Tobacco Company in 1871. With the production of 300,000 pounds of chewing and fine cut tobacco they needed to move their business into a larger facility. In 1888 a permit was issued to Alexander Chapoton Jr. to contract to build a "six-story brick manufactory, 70' x 138'." The Romanesque style building was built in the mill construction, dictated in shape and size by the need for better lighting, ventilation, improved machinery and power. With mill construction the building was built with heavy masonry load-bearing walls that supported heavy timber floors and roof structure to prevent total destruction by fire. The building and company was reportedly the first to use electricity as its primary source of power for manufacturing tobacco. The Globe Tobacco Co. went out of business in 1925.